

State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 18, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
Hi-Desert Water District
55-439 29 Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

TELEPHONIC MEETING LOCATION

West Hills Community College District
9900 Cody Street
Coalinga, CA 93210

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by the Vice Chair Jeff Hays at 10:02 a.m. on June 18, 2009 at Yucca Valley, California.

Roll Call (Board Members Only)

Board Members Present:

Tom Davis, Jeff Hays, Red Martinez, Edward Muzik, Rick Post (telephonically).
The Board Secretary stated that a quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Jose Angel, Terry Barnes, Mary Castañeda, Kai Dunn, Herb Jackson, Robert Perdue, Cliff Raley, Jon Rokke, Hilda Vasquez, Doug Wylie.

Others Present:

Steve Bigley, CVWD
Richard Harlan, Town of Yucca Valley
Bill Horne, Town of Yucca Valley
George Huntington, Town of Yucca Valley
Ken Kreklau, Town of Yucca Valley
Bill Long, Joshua Basin Water District
Mickey Luckman, Joshua Basin Water District
Joe Guzzetta, Joshua Basin Water District
Al Marquez, Joshua Basin Water District CAC
Bob Stadum, Hi Desert Water District
Jim Ventura, Mojave Water Agency
Brian Louie, L.A. County Sanitation District
David L. Mahaffey, President, Mahaffey Innovative Technology Inc.

Ramon Alviso Mendoza, Mahaffey Innovative Technology Inc.
Kryton Ruffell, L.A. County Sanitation District
Curtis Yakimow, Town of Yucca Valley
Tom Vandenberg, Office of the Chief Counsel, SWRCB

MINUTES

1. Minutes of May 21, 2009 Board Meeting

MOTION: Red Martinez moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be adopted.

PUBLIC FORUM

2. Mr. Mahaffey brought to the Board's attention Mahaffey Innovative Technology Inc. (MITI). He indicated his company has technology to address the problems with septic system. Tom Vandenberg explained to Mr. Mahaffey what the purpose of the Public Forum is and what issues should be addressed and that the meeting is not designed to provide for anyone to advance his/her products. Ramon Mendoza from MITI, complimented the Hi-Desert Water District General Manager and Board staff. Mr. Bill Horne from Yucca Valley, Martinez Trail, had two questions regarding the initial study and environmental assessment for the proposed sewage treatment plant for the Town of Yucca Valley. He was advised by staff to submit them to Hi Desert Water District, the lead CEQA agency for that project.

UNCONTESTED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

3. R7-2009-0003 Waste Discharge Requirements for **County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County for Mesquite Regional Landfill**, Glamis — Imperial County (*Supercedes*)
4. R7-2009-0020 Waste Discharge Requirements for the **Imperial Irrigation District El Centro Generating Station**, El Centro — Imperial County (*Supercedes*)
5. R7-2009-0021 Waste Discharge Requirements for the **Imperial Community College District Imperial Valley College Wastewater Treatment Plant**, Imperial — Imperial County (*Rescission*)

MOTION: Ed Muzik moved, Rick Post seconded. The motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2009-0003 with errata, R7-2009-0020 and R7-2009-0021 be adopted.

RESOLUTION

6. R7-2009-0054 Adoption of the **FY 2009/2010 Emergency, Abandoned, and Recalcitrant (EAR) Account Site List** (New)

MOTION: Ed Muzik moved, Tom Davis seconded. The motion carried unanimously that Order No. R7-2009-0054 be adopted. Jeff Hays abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. Informational Update: Jon Rokke gave an update about the status of the proposed Basin Plan amendment to Prohibit discharges from septic tanks in the Town of Yucca Valley. The presentation included an outline of the background and history of this septic tank prohibition effort, what the current status of that effort is, and the schedule for future activities.
8. Informational Update on State Water Resources Control Board Activities – TV
- Tom Vandenberg, OCC, SWRCB, discussed the status of several permits and policies the State Water Board considered since the last Regional Water Board meeting in May. These included: draft Construction Stormwater Permit (to be considered in September 2009); draft General Permit for Landscape Irrigation Uses of Municipal Recycled Water (to be considered for adoption at the State Board's July 7 meeting); Recycled Water Policy (adopted on May 14, 2009); and Water Quality Enforcement Policy (accepting comments on latest draft). He also mentioned a recent decision by a federal court of appeals (6th Circuit), which vacated the US EPA rule on the use of pesticides in waterways (aquatic pesticides rule), but stayed the effect of its decision until 2011 to give EPA time to develop a correct rule.
9. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report – RP

Mr. Perdue commented on how it is uncommon for the Executive Officer and Assistant Executive Officer to get involved in budget issues with the State. He talks about the staff layoff notices and asks the public to realize that the Water Board is low on funds and travel is limited. Mr. Perdue will be meeting with USEPA on TMDLs and Implementation.

Jose Angel attended a drainshed workshops and meetings on three different days (with Imperial County Farm Bureau (ICFB) and Imperial Irrigation District. The workshops are part of the ICFB's TMDL Program, and farmers are required to attend the workshops to remain in good standing with the Program. He got good feedback from the farmers regarding implementation of the silt TMDLs. He also updated the Board about the UC Davis workshop on strategic planning that was held on June 16 in the Board's office and about the UC Davis educational module

held for the staff on June 17, also in the office. Ms. Way and Messrs. Hays and Muzik represented the Board and participated in the workshop.

10. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

Ed Muzik thanked everyone who attended the meeting and said it was the biggest show of public attendance that the Hi-Desert Water District offices have had during his tenure as General Manager for the District. He also indicated the UC Davis workshop was very constructive and urged all Board members to participate in the planning process. Mr. Davis asked staff to provide Board members who could not attend the workshop with the materials UC Davis handed out during the workshop.

11. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report – EW

No report from Chair.

CLOSED SESSION

12. At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to meet in closed session to consider evidence received in an adjudicatory hearing and deliberate on a decision to be reached based on that evidence [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(c)(3)]; to discuss significant exposure to litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(B)(i)]; to discuss whether to initiate litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(C)(i)]; or to discuss initiated litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)]. Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)].

No closed session.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, September 17, 2009, 10:00 a.m. in Palm Desert.

Adjournment: 11:27 a.m.